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State Agencies Working with Local Emergency Response Teams After Storms

Severe weather, including high winds, storms and tornadoes hit south central and eastern Indiana last night, causing damage across several counties.

A line of severe weather is moving across the state. A severe weather watch is in effect.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security activated its Emergency Operations Center late Tuesday evening to monitor, respond to county requests and determine the overall impact of the severe weather and process damage reports from the county emergency management agencies.

State Agencies Active in Response Operations

- Indiana Department of Transportation – SR 244 reopened 1 lane
- Indiana State Police – Rush Co. SR 244
- American Red Cross
- Indiana National Guard – Supplying Generator to Fire Dept.
- Department of Natural Resources – standby
- Department of Corrections – standby
- IDHS Response

Disaster Declarations

- Vermillion - flooding
- Randolph – flooding
- Greene – Wind /Tornado

Health, Safety & Security

- **Injuries:** Rush Co.: 8 persons transported due to injuries, total number of injuries 10 to 15. Greene Co.: 1 Person transported to Hosp. 2 other injured individuals refused treatment.

Shelter Operations:

- Shelter requested in Rush Co.
- Shelter requested in Shelby Co. for up to 40 displaced persons possibly in Waldron
- Shelter requested in Johnson Co.
- Red Cross on scene; Marion Co. shelter housed 115 overnight from Fri night's tornado.

Search and Rescue:

- Randolph Co. Sheriff considering Water Rescue

Damage Report

- **Greene:** Sheriff had reports of tornadoes near Bloomfield and Ownesboro. One barn down and one home damaged. Power outages, trees down. 1 house was destroyed. Roof off REMC. Highways/traffic in & out of Bloomfield has been closed.
- **Brown:** Unconfirmed report of several homes destroyed and a power substation with severe damage.
- **Johnson:** Edinburgh: Several Buildings Destroyed or Damaged.
- **Rush:** Moscow, several structures destroyed.
- **Shelby:** Area north of Waldron is damaged confined to 3 block radius

Critical Infrastructure and Facilities

- **Road Closures:** SR 244 In Rush County closed between SR3 and I-74 has been closed. INDOT is on scene to clear debris and has 1 lane open. INDOT reports SR252 has been closed to clear debris from side streets in Edinburgh. All traffic in/out of Bloomfield (Greene Co.) closed. SR 37 @ SR 446 near Heltonville - Hwy 159 Southbound between SR 400 S & 465 S SR 54 E&W into Bloomfield -SR 157 North of Bloomfield - US 231 Southbound from Bloomfield - SR 445 East of Eastern School.

Public Utility Status:

- Duke Energy: 9, 618 w/o power Statewide 5 a.m. 6/4/08.
- IPL Energy: 9,000 Customers w/o power 2,500 still from Friday's storm and approx 6,500 from Tuesday nights storms as of 10:40 a.m. 6/4/08.

Essential Services

Northern Indiana

There is a slight chance for severe thunderstorms with large hail and damaging winds tonight. Heavy rainfall may cause localized flooding.

Central Indiana

There is a slight risk of severe weather across central Indiana today. More thunderstorms are expected across central Indiana this morning and this afternoon. The storms will have the capability to produce damaging straight line winds, isolated tornadoes, large hail, very heavy rain resulting in flash flooding and deadly lightning. The thunderstorm threat is expected to diminish tonight.

Southern Indiana

Isolated to scattered thunderstorms with dangerous lightning and brief heavy rainfall will be possible today. Some of these thunderstorms may be strong with gusty winds and small hail.

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